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Subject: RE: Nominees of Asbestos Experts to Serve as Ad Hoc Reviewers or SAAC Members (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0605)

No, being new to asbestos, I don't know these people but it is very good to have the nominations.

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Hi Holly and Steve,

While I do not know the quality of the nominees (see below), it's really nice to have these nominations in relation to our upcoming meeting on asbestos.

Holly, are any of these names familiar to you?

Meanwhile, I was wondering if any such nominations would come in!

Later today I'll send out the emails requesting 'availability and interest,' and the forms for nominees to send back if they will to be listed as potential ad hoc members.

Best Regards,

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RE: Nominees of Asbestos Experts to Serve as Ad Hoc Reviewers or SAAC Members (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0605)

Dear Dr. Peterson,

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) hereby responds to EPA's September 13, 2018 request for nominations of scientific experts to participate as *ad hoc* reviewers or members of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SAAC) in the peer review of the initial 10 risk evaluations EPA is conducting under TSCA. 83 Federal Register 46487.

Founded in 2004, ADAO, an independent 504(c)(3) non-profit organization, has spent over a decade working to prevent asbestos-caused diseases. ADAO works nationally and internationally with the leading scientists, medical doctors, industrial hygiene specialists, legislators, and community advocates to protect public health and our environment. As a recognized leader in asbestos education, ADAO hosts an annual international academic conference, now in its 15th year, to promote scientific advances in the treatment and cure of asbestos related disease and advocate for the elimination of all asbestos exposures throughout the world.

Asbestos is the subject of one of EPA's initial 10 risk evaluations under amended TSCA. Asbestos has been extensively studied and assessed by numerous expert bodies within and outside the U.S. Its unique properties are widely recognized. A rigorous peer review of the draft EPA risk evaluation will require the participation of leading scientists and physicians who have studied the hazards of asbestos, analyzed the human and animal database, treated patients suffering from asbestos disease, and specialized in asbestos occupational exposure and risk prevention. Because of the specialized asbestos expertise essential for meaningful peer review, the SACC should form a panel of asbestos experts charged solely with reviewing the asbestos risk evaluation. EPA has formed similar expert committees for previous reviews of asbestos assessments.

The experts we recommend for the peer review of the asbestos risk evaluation are as follows;

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medicine at Harvard Medical School and a member of the Department of Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care Division) at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Oliver's primary specialty is occupational and environmental medicine, with an emphasis on occupational lung disease. Dr. Oliver is a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini and has done research and published in the area of occupational lung disease, with a focus on asbestos-related disease. She has lectured frequently on this topic, including more recently the determination of risk for asbestos-related lung cancer. Dr. Oliver has testified before Congress and OSHA on issues related to asbestos and other workplace exposures.

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Kurt Straif, MD, MPH, PhD, is a senior scientist in the section of the IARC Monographs of the International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organization, Lyon, France (since 2001). His research focus is on occupational and environmental risk factors for cancer; he serves on several national and international committees charged with primary and secondary prevention of cancer. He studied medicine at the Universities of Liège (Belgium), Heidelberg and Bonn (Germany) and philosophy (with a focus on theory of science) at the University of Bonn (1976-84). He is Board-certified in Internal Medicine and Occupational, Environmental and Social Medicine (1984-90). He obtained his PhD in Epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles (2001). From 1984-90 he was a Resident and Research Fellow at the Department of Internal Medicine, University of Bonn; in 1991, Visiting Scientist at the Department of Environmental Sciences at the School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York. From 1991-95, he was a Research Fellow and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Occupational and Social Medicine at the School of Medicine, University of Giessen (Germany). From 1995-2001 he has been an Assistant and Associate Professor, Head of the Unit of Cancer and Occupational Epidemiology, Institute of Epidemiology and Social Medicine, University of Münster (Germany).

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Dr. Laura Welch, MD, is Medical Director for the Center for Construction Research and Training, a research and development institute affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades of the AFL-CIO, and professorial lecturer in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at George Washington University. She previously held full-time faculty positions at the Albert Einstein, Yale and George Washington University Schools of Medicine. She is the author of over 100 peer-reviewed publications, abstracts and technical reports and has served as a consultant to many federal agencies, including OSHA, NIOSH, CDC and the NIH as well as serving in leadership roles for APHA and AOEC. She has worked with several union-management committees on health and safety issues, including United Auto Workers-Boeing, the American Association of Railroads-United Transportation Union and SMOHIT, the labor-management trust of the sheet metal industry. She frequently provides occupational medicine expertise to the AFL-CIO. As CPWR's Medical Director she manages two nationwide medical screening programs for construction workers and coordinates research portfolios on research to practice and on ergonomics. She helped create a return on investment calculator as part of the CPWR Solutions database, which showcases the financial benefits of using safer work practices, equipment and materials. She directs a research project evaluating the effectiveness of participatory ergonomics in the construction industry, and another analyzing the causes of early retirement among construction workers.

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We are also nominating three members of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) Asbestos Committee formed to review EPA's *Proposed Approach for Estimation of Bin-Specific Cancer Potency Factors for Inhalation Exposure to Asbestos*. The Committee's 2008 report can be found

at [https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/c91996cd39a82f648525742400690127/77CFF6439C00ABF3852575010077801F/\\$File/EPA-SAB-09-004-unsigned.pdf](https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/c91996cd39a82f648525742400690127/77CFF6439C00ABF3852575010077801F/$File/EPA-SAB-09-004-unsigned.pdf)

These nominees are:

- **Dr. Murray Finkelstein, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine Centre, Mt Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- **Dr. Carol Rice, SM, PhD**, Professor of Environmental Health and Director of the Environmental and Occupational Hygiene Academic Training Program, Department of Environmental Health, Kettering Laboratory, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- **Dr. James Webber, PhD**, Research Scientist, Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY, USA

We presume EPA has access to background and contact information for these three nominees.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these nominations. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or requests for additional information.

Thank you,

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